

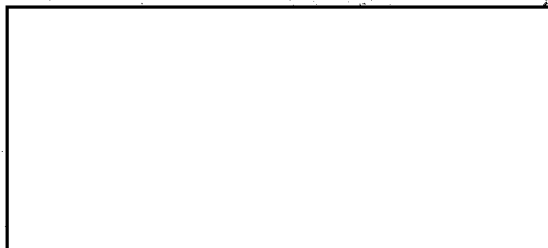
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At a recent meeting of the United States Intelligence Board the members thought that you might appreciate receiving an excerpt of the Board action taking cognizance of your retirement and the termination of your long association with the Board. The pertinent excerpt from the minutes of the 24 January 1961 meeting is attached.

As Chairman of the USIB, I am pleased to forward this record of formal action by the Board and to pass on my best personal wishes for your success in any future undertakings.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Chairman

Attachment

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Excerpt from Official Minutes of Meeting
24 January 1961

"The Chairman advised that, because of Colonel Townsend's forthcoming retirement from the Air Force on 31 January, his long association with the United States Intelligence Board would also terminate as of that date. He noted that Colonel Townsend had been Deputy Executive Secretary of the Board since the creation of USIB. In addition, Colonel Townsend had served as Executive Secretary of certain major Committees of the Board from the time of their inception.

"The Chairman observed that Colonel Townsend had demonstrated unusual competence in discharging his responsibilities and had made a highly important contribution to the effectiveness of the operation of the Board and its committees. After concurring in the Chairman's comments, the members joined him in expressing regret at Colonel Townsend's departure and in wishing him well in any new venture."